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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Macomb County Legal News: Once upon a court: Project highlights good work done by courts

"Marcia McBrien, the Michigan Supreme Court's public information officer, wants the video series to focus on the relationship between courts and communities.... A new online video series called 'Court Stories' aims to tell everyday stories about the good work being done in the Michigan court system."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Oakland County Legal News: Court Stories: Video project highlights good works

[Full story](#)

Argus-Press/Owosso: Appeals Court judge to speak in Morrice

"On Jan. 25, Michigan Appeals Court Justice Amy R. Krause will be the lunchtime speaker at the Shiawassee Council on Aging Morrice Senior Center. Justice Krause represents a number of counties, including Shiawassee County on the Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Battle Creek Enquirer: Request to drop murder charge rejected

"Charges remain in force against the youngest of four defendants awaiting trial in the shooting death of a Battle Creek man. Calhoun County Circuit Court Judge Allen Garbrecht on Monday denied a defense motion to dismiss open murder and armed robbery charges against Deshawn Colbert Jr., 21."

[Full story](#)

Crain's Detroit Business: Mackinac Center names Justice Taylor board chairman

"The board of directors of the Mackinac Center for Public Policy named former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Clifford Taylor as board chairman. The Mackinac Center board said in a press release Monday that Taylor replaces D. Joseph Olson, a founding member of the center who served as chairman for most of the center's history and will remain on the board."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Midland Daily News: Former Supreme Court Justice Taylor to chair Mackinac Center board

[Full story](#)

State Bar of Michigan Blog: New Gavel For Former Chief Justice Cliff Taylor

[Full story](#)

Daily Press and Argus: Analyst: Livingston County judges erred on conflict

"Livingston County jurists overstepped their bounds last week in preventing an attorney from representing his clients in a case about synthetic marijuana, according to one legal analyst contacted by the Daily Press & Argus to review details of the ruling, which now appears headed to the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

Daily Press and Argus: Defense denied murder mistrial; testimony continues in 2008 Livingston County slayings

"Testimony in a double-murder case got off to a slow start Monday after a juror claimed "95 percent of the jury" was concerned about their safety.....Judge Theresa Brennan denied the defense's request after a bench conference involving her, the attorneys and each juror individually."

[Full story](#)

Detroit Legal News: MSC to consider rule change for handling juvenile case records

"Rules for retaining and destroying case files and other court records in various juvenile cases — such as child protection, personal protection orders against juveniles, and juvenile delinquency — would be clarified under proposed changes to Michigan Court Rule 3.925."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Macomb County Legal News.

Also see:

Retention, destruction of juvenile case records is subject of proposed court rule change on agenda for Supreme Court Jan. 30 public hearing

[Press release](#)

Detroit Legal News: Court says no jury oath, no conviction

"A jury's pledge to justly hear a criminal case is a mandatory part of any trial, the Michigan appeals court said last Friday as it threw out a conviction in Jackson County because jurors were not given the oath."

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.

Grand Haven Tribune: Man gets 5 years for false court bomb report

"Anthony Fortuna was accused of telling the FBI in 2010 that he was offered \$5,000 to join the scheme by someone who was being prosecuted by the government. The claim was false."

[Full story](#)

Hillsdale Daily News: Number of crimes down, revenue up in District Court

"The Hillsdale County District Court saw the total number of cases drop by 2 percent last year according to the annual report that was released last week. The court saw 7,195 cases last year, down from 7,338 in 2011."

[Full story](#)

Huron Daily Tribune/Bad Axe: State court decision gives marijuana suspect a second chance

"Thanks to the state's high courts, a 47-year-old man whose West Huron Avenue area residence was the target of a September 2009 police drug bust will get his day in court — again. Jeffrey David Ellis, of Livonia, has maintained he was doing nothing wrong since local police raided his Bad Axe home and confiscated numerous marijuana plants."

[Full story](#)

MLive.com: Phil Power: Supreme Court vacancy gives Snyder chance to combat big money's influence

"It's rare for a governor to have the power in his own hands to remedy a problem that's been embarrassing his state since the present state constitution was adopted, half a century ago. But with Justice Diane Hathaway's retirement next week from the Michigan Supreme Court, Gov. Rick Snyder has an easy chance to lock in an important legacy of political reform."

[*Full story*](#)

Also see:

Holland Sentinel: OUR VIEW — An opportunity to reform the Michigan Supreme Court

[*Full story*](#)

Times Herald/Port Huron: High court vacancy an opportunity

[*Full story*](#)

Muskegon Chronicle: Truancy plan will work with families, not against them, officials say in live chat

"Muskegon County's new program to address truancy could become a model for the rest of the state because of its collaborative approach, according to the superintendent of the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District."

[*Full story*](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Adult Treatment Court celebrates largest class of graduates

"On Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 2 p.m., the Oakland County Adult Treatment Court (ATC) will conduct its 34th graduation since its inception in August of 2001.... The ATC team consists of two members of the Oakland County Circuit Court bench: Judge Joan E. Young who presides over the male participants, and Judge Colleen O'Brien who presides over the female participants."

[*Full story*](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Courts closed

"The Oakland County Circuit and Probate Courts will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.... The Michigan Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and State Court Administrative Office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 21, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day."

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